AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Abstract of the specification according to the following:

ABSTRACT

A novel solvent-free, hot melt adhesive composition suitable for bonding a polar leather layer to a non-polar substrate is claimed. The composition comprises a block copolymer having at least one mono alkenyl arene polymer block and at least one controlled distribution copolymer block of at least one conjugated diene and at least one mono alkenyl arene, a hydrogenated tackifying resin, a resin compatible with the mono alkenyl arene blocks, optionally a functionalized poly(alkylene) resin, and stabilizers and / or auxiliaries. A process for bonding a polar leather layer to a non-polar substrate by application of the novel solvent-free, hot melt adhesive composition is also provided.

~~The invention relates to a solvent-free, hot melt adhesive composition suitable for bonding a polar leather layer to a non-polar substrate, comprising:~~

~~(a) a block copolymer having at least one A block and at least one B block, wherein:~~

~~(i) each A block is a mono alkenyl arene polymer block and each B block is a controlled distribution copolymer block of at least one conjugated diene and at least one mono alkenyl arene;~~

~~(ii) each A block having an average molecular weight between about 3,000 and about 60,000 and each B block having an average molecular weight between about 30,000 and about 300,000;~~

~~(iii) each B block comprises terminal regions adjacent to the A block that are rich in conjugated diene units and one or more regions not adjacent to the A blocks that are rich in mono alkenyl arene units;~~

~~(iv)the total amount of mono alkenyl arene in the block copolymer is about 20 percent weight to about 80 percent weight; and~~